

RESPONSE

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2002. In this regard, Applicant submits herewith a five-month extension petition to reset the deadline for response to and including December 11, 2002.

The Examiner has indicated that the present application includes claims directed to independent and distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies Group I, claims 1-13 directed to an end cap for use in an extension arm; Group II, claims 14-21, directed to a channel for use in an extension arm; and Group III, claims 22-33, directed to a forearm extension for use in an extension arm. In view of the requirements set forth by the Examiner for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant hereby elects the Group III invention, corresponding to claims 22-33 and newly submitted claims 34-44. Applicant further cancels the non-elected claims 1-21 without disclaimer or prejudice. In this regard, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications with respect to the non-elected inventions.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the foregoing action cannot be taken, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections she may have. If there are any fees to be incurred in connection with the response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit No. 12-1095 therefor.

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In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: November 26, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

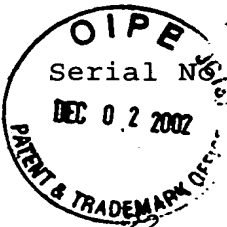
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22. (AMENDED) A forearm extension for use in an extension arm that adjustably mounts a device to a support mount and conceals cables to and from the device within said forearm extension-arm, said forearm extension comprising:

a body having first and second ends;

means disposed at a first end of said body for attaching to the device; and

a coupling disposed at a second end of said body, said coupling having a slot formed in a wall thereof so that said coupling and said body are in communication with each other through said slot.

31. (AMENDED) The forearm extension of claim 25, wherein a lower surface of said body is aligned with a lower edge of said first end coupling and above a lower edge of said second end coupling.

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